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Respectfully submitted,



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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,278,967	October 18, 1966	Hagerman			
	5,879,776	March 9, 1999	Nakata			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	DE 40 11 302 A1	October 10, 1991	Germany			X	
	GB 1 247 373 A	September 22, 1971	Great Britain			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Supplementary European Search Report for PCT/JP2004/006838, dated January 9, 2007

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